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CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

POLICE REFORM LEGISLATIVE ADJUSTMENTS

Change the restrictions on the ability of law enforcement to conduct vehicular pursuits, specifically lowering the evidentiary threshold from “probable cause” to “reasonable suspicion”. Police should be allowed in certain circumstances to use vehicular pursuits when there is “reasonable suspicion” a person in the vehicle has committed or is committing a violent offense, sex offense, escape, or driving under the influence.

POLICE OFFICERS RETIRE REHIRE

Amend state law to allow retired police officers to return as paid commissioned officers for part-time service to address police staffing shortages. Oregon has a police retire -rehire program allowing retired officers to re-enter the police force at the same rank and salary at which they retired, while at the same time collecting their city retirement benefits and paying into a state retirement fund.



SPEED LIMITS ON LOCAL STREETS

Modify state law to allow local jurisdictions to set speed limits as low as 15 miles per hour on local streets. Allowing for slower speeds is necessary in appropriate situations on non-arterial streets close to parks, schools, day-care centers, and other facilities where vulnerable populations are frequent pedestrians.

SR 169

State Route 169 is the main commute route for the cities of Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Enumclaw, and portions of unincorporated King County. Given the projected growth within the region, capacity and safety conditions will continue to decline. There are multiple projects identified on the City's 6-year Transportation Improvement Program to improve safety and increase capacity on SR 169 within city limits. The City is actively working on the design of two projects within our corporate limits.

- T-36: SR 169 Widening from SE 240 Street to SE 244th Street (\$12.6 Million)
- T-45: SR 169 Widening from SE 253rd Place to SE 260th Street (\$14.6 Million)

The combined total project costs are in excess of \$27 Million. The city will be actively seeking grant funding, but is concerned that there will likely be a funding gap to overcome and is looking to the State to assist, as this is an important State Route in our region.

The City is also requesting the state provide adequate funding for State Route 169 outside of our city limits, from Maple Valley limits to Jones Road.

MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING

The City of Maple Valley and the Tahoma School District have successfully added new mental health programs within the City of Maple Valley in recent years. In 2020 the City secured funding in the state budget for a community mental health coordinator to oversee resources and provide educational behavioral health programs to support the needs of students and the community. As in many other communities, Maple Valley is experiencing the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the mental health of our youth and adults. Maple Valley requests the state provide more funding to support mental health programs either through direct funding or a grant application process.



Our annual Kindness Connects Maple Valley campaign runs every November. This campaign is put on by the City's Community Resource Coordinator.

LAND USE ZONING TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Actively resist any state preemption of local land use authority. The City of Maple Valley supports partnering with the state by creating incentives and giving cities the flexibility for zoning that achieves equity in housing and provide more access to different types of attainable housing stock.